



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1876.

Should the weather prove favorable on the 22d inst. the celebration here on that day will really be an attractive affair, and well worth a visit to the city from all who live within visiting distance, for whose special accommodation the railroads leading here have agreed to issue round trip tickets at half fare. The famous Fifth Maryland Regiment, Co. A of the Washington Light Infantry, the Columbia Cadets of Washington, Co. A of St. J. h's Battalion, and the whole of the Alexandria Fire Department, besides numerous other organizations, will be in the line of the procession, and will form a handsome military and civic display which all the ladies and children in the surrounding counties should be allowed to witness.

The Richmond Whig in speaking of Mr. Claughton's speech in the Virginia State Senate on the Knight Johnson contested election case, a synopsis of which appears elsewhere in today's Gazette, says: "We differ widely with this gentleman as to the admissibility of the testimony of the voter, but it is due to him to say that his argument did him great credit. It was clear, forcible, and well delivered. Alexandria may well feel proud of her Senator, for he is not only a most exemplary gentleman, but is unquestionably possessed of a bright intellect."

In the Virginia Senate, last Thursday, the bill to regulate the salaries of county judges, with the amendments proposed by the Committee for Courts of Justice, was taken up, the amendments agreed to, and was then laid on the table. The amendments give the county judges three hundred dollars per annum, payable out of the county treasury, and twenty dollars for every thousand inhabitants over five thousand. Where there is a district, the judge shall receive four hundred dollars and twenty dollars for every ten thousand inhabitants over ten thousand.

The Mississippi House, by a vote of 101 to 4, have agreed to impeach State Superintendent of Education Cardozo. Nearly all the Republicans voted for the impeachment. The House also adopted formal articles of impeachment against Lieut. Gov. Davis, colored, with only seven dissenting votes. The Ames investigating committee have concluded taking testimony, and will report soon. The testimony, it is said, will develop several serious charges not heretofore current.

The Clerk of the National House of Representatives has appointed Elias Polk as Messenger. He is a colored man, and came to Washington with James K. Polk when he was first elected to Congress.

It is said in Washington that Gen. Schoeck's resignation has been received by the President and will be accepted. Ex Governor Morgan, of New York, is named as most probably his successor.

The bill for the relief of late sheriffs of the Commonwealth has been discussed in the Virginia House of Delegates.

The Galaxy for March has been received from its publishers, Sheldon & Co., of New York. Its contents are varied and interesting, and make it an excellent number of that excellent magazine.

The March number of Scribner's Magazine has been received from its publishers, Scribner & Co., New York. It has an unusually interesting table of contents, one of the articles being upon Truro (Pollock) Parish, in this neighborhood.

We have received from Little & Gay, Boston, Little's Living Age of date February 19.

The Nicol Case.
The House Committee on Courts of Justice met at 4 o'clock and proceeded to consider the charges against Judge Nicol, of the County Court of Prince William. The examination of W. E. Lipscomb, deputy clerk of the county named, was commenced. He testified that William Thomas and Judge Nicol came to his clerk's office and asked him to examine the records and find deeds from Thomas Triplett to said Thomas, and from Thomas to Frances Gray for certain of the lots at Carboro, and that a copy of Triplett's deed appears by the fee book to have been made and delivered to Nicol. He further identified deeds made by D. F. Neal and Mr. Landon Carter and wife, who are the heirs of said Triplett, and purporting to convey said land to Judge Nicol, as being in the hand writing of Thomas. It is claimed by the prosecution that Thomas and Nicol were partners, and that these deeds were procured from the parties by Thomas for the benefit of himself and Nicol by fraud and violence, and the effort is to affect Nicol with the fraudulent acts of Thomas. The examination of Mr. Lipscomb will be concluded this morning at 10 o'clock.—*Richmond Enquirer of yesterday morning.*

The case of Judge Nicol, of Prince William, was again before the Committee on Courts of Justice of the House this morning, and after deciding upon the admissibility of certain evidence, the Committee adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this evening. So far, the prosecution has failed to establish any of the charges, and the indications are that he will be honorably acquitted of each and every charge against him.—*Richmond News of yesterday evening.*

LAND SALES IN LOUDOUN.—The Loudoun Mirror says:—
The farm of F. E. Shreve, subject to dower interest, about two miles from Leesburg, and containing 322 acres, has been sold to W. J. Harrison, for \$21,100 per acre.

The one-half part of 151½ acres of land belonging to the estate of Richard Y. Moran, deceased, was sold to R. H. Summers, for \$650 per acre, and the farm of Harland Baker, near Chambers Mill, containing 180 acres, to J. H. Cross, for \$50 per acre.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 17, 1876.—And now the agency is over and Johnson is seated. I am heartily glad that the case is finished. I trust that my fears of the evil results of this action on the part of the State may be groundless. And after all Gen. Johnson, gained his seat by one Republican's vote, that of Lathrop, that is morally speaking. The vote was recorded as follows: For seating Johnson—Messrs. Clarke, Claughton, Criteher, Daniel, Dickenson, Eastman, Eubank, Finney, Gayle, Hairston, Herndon, Hurt, Lathrop, Lawson, Marshall, Newberry, Nunn, Sinclair, Smith, Tanner, Wortham—21. For seating the election back to the people—Messrs. Allen, Bezley, Bland, Cochran, Dawson, Duffield, Elliott, Greener, Grimsley, Hinton, Maddox, Penn, Powell, Quisenberry, Stimp, Spitzer, Stevens, Ward, Wood—19. Now it is a matter of some talk that Mr. Tanner voted at all on this matter, for it will be remembered that his seat is contested by Starke, and he is said to have been elected in the same election in which Johnson was presumed to have been elected. It was well known that his fate depended upon the decision of the Senate in the Johnson and Knight case, for the points involved were almost identically the same in each case. And therefore, by voting to seat Johnson, Mr. Tanner voted to seat himself. Suppose his vote had been left out, this would have made Johnson elected by Lathrop's vote, a humiliating consideration, certainly it must have been to Mr. Johnson. Captain John S. Wise says that he was offered Lathrop three times for five hundred dollars, and Lathrop was the only Radical who voted this way. And I am not certain that Mr. Wortham, who voted for Johnson, and who was—or is supposed to have been—elected in the same election as Johnson, had any right to vote. If there was fraud in one case it must have been in all, for the election was held at the same time, and Wortham, Johnson and Tanner were on the ticket against Knight, Starke and Holiday on the other. I am no lawyer, but I am not certain that even now Johnson is legally elected, at least, I would prefer that the Court of Appeals should decide that question rather than the Senate. Col. Tanner is a gentleman every inch, and his friends regret that he was dragged into the fight. What makes me prefer him to most politicians is his musical acquisitions, for it is so rare that a politician has any music in his soul. Col. Tanner is brilliant of wit, and believe me, wherever this is the case there is some hope for the politician—some good in Israel—the country is safe! Col. Tanner acted in ignorance of the law, as I have laid it down. Now that Johnson has his coveted seat, I will say nothing more; will as the boys say, "let up on him," but I believe I must say that I would like to be seated after this fashion. The case of Capt. Wm. H. Fowle, charged with playing draw-poker, was called in the Hustings Court to-day. Capt. Fowle pleaded guilty, and judgment was entered against him for \$30 and costs, which he paid, and was discharged. There were two cases against Judge Stevens, one charging him with playing draw-poker, and the other with playing faro. In each case judgment was entered against him for \$30 and costs. He subsequently handed over the requisite amount of checks and was discharged. The jury in the case of Joseph Graves, a gambler, though absent not long, found him guilty of dealing faro and assessed his fine at \$100. The Judge added six months' imprisonment. The question now asked is where is Joe?

Nothing will come of the Stevens case I am inclined to believe.
Jeremiah M. Halsey, of Orange, and Miss Irene L. Stearns, daughter of Franklin Stearns, esq., of this city, were married at the Monument Church this evening.

At the caucus of the Conservative members of the Legislature, held last night, the following nominations for judges of the Corporation Courts of the State were unanimously made:—Richmond Hustings, A. B. Guigon; Chancery, E. H. Fitzhugh; Petersburg, E. M. Mann; Norfolk, George P. Scarborough, vice W. H. Burroughs, deceased; Portsmouth, Chandler W. Hill; Fredericksburg, J. T. Goodrick; Staunton, J. W. Green; Danville, Henry W. Flournoy; Alexandria, E. M. Lowe. The nomination for Lynchburg was postponed.

Letter from Fauquier.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
ORLEAN, FAUQUIER CO., Feb. 17, 1876.—The warm weather that we have been enjoying for some time past has almost shipwrecked the faith of those who have stuck to the "ground hog" with a tenacity worthy of a better cause, but we are glad for their sakes that their faith is wavering, and they are beginning to conclude, as we have always known and believed, that the ground hog had no control of the weather six weeks preceding, or six weeks succeeding his appearance on terra firma.

Two of our citizens, with their families will leave in a few days for Texas, also several young men who, doubtless, would succeed as well here as in Texas, if they would only make up their minds to undergo as many hardships, and perform the same amount of labor here as there. If we all were to leave our homes because of losses and discouragements Virginia would soon be depopulated. Our advice to them is not to forsake their old Mother State in her adversity, but remain at home and help build up her waste places until she shall blossom as a rose, and become as prosperous as she was in ante-bellum times. The great drawback with the young men in this community (as in many others) is that too many of them are hating easy places and trying to live without work, and some of them entertain the idea that they cannot perform manual labor and be a gentleman. Young men get rid of such an erroneous opinion, (the sooner the better.) It might have done in days of slavery, but it will not do at the present day. So pull off your coat and take hold of the plow, hoe, axe or any thing that comes to hand, and "whatever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might." Go to work with a determination to succeed, and you will soon begin to prosper beyond your most sanguine expectations, and will stop complaining of hard times, and conclude that Virginia is the best place after all.

The recent showers and warm sunshine have caused the growing wheat crop to put on a luxuriant green, and the birds, for some days, have been warbling sweet music, and the croaking of the frogs, and the cooing of the doves reminds one of early spring. Some of our neighbors are prophesying a late and cold spring, because we have had such an open winter. As Mr. "Ground Hog" failed this time, we are very hopeful that they may prove false prophets also.

GRATIS.
The bill abolishing the whipping post has been rejected by the Virginia Legislature. Were this mode of punishment resorted to in this city it would prevent many petty larcenies, and relieve the jail of a large number of its inmates, and save an immense expense.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamer Fraconia collided with the steamer Strath Clyde off Dover yesterday afternoon. The boiler of the Strath Clyde burst, and she sank immediately, carrying down with her fifty-nine passengers. As far as heard from only eleven were saved. The steamer Fraconia was towed into Dover much damaged. The Strath Clyde was bound to Bombay, and had put into Dover bay to discharge her pilot. She was coming out, and being caught by the tide became unmanageable, and while so the collision occurred, although it was daylight, the weather clear and the sea calm. A later dispatch says that twenty-nine persons in addition to those before reported as saved have been landed.

The London Times thinks that the Spanish note on Cuban affairs is not at all satisfactory. If the insurgents were so insignificant as represented why were they not crushed out years ago. No country seeks to interfere by force with Spain's possession of Cuba, but if she cannot govern it she would do well to consider how she could best prepare for the freedom which always follows colonial misrule. A special dispatch to the Times from St. Jean de Luz, says the Alfonsists are concentrating for an attack on Estella. It is said that the Carlist junta will propose peace to the Alfonsists.

The London Post announces that Count Von Arnim has been summoned to Berlin to stand trial on the charge of treason for publishing the pamphlet "Pro Nitilo." It is said that the count has decided to disobey the summons.

Jacob Bright, radical, has been elected to Parliament from Manchester, polling 22,535 votes against 20,774 for Powell, conservative.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Chesapeake Ferry proposed to be established in Clarke county, Va., was held in Berryville on Monday, when the committee appointed to solicit subscriptions to the stock reported that the amount subscribed was sufficient for the purpose in view. Capt. John R. Nunn was elected President, and A. S. Lippitt, Secretary and Treasurer of the company, with a board of directors. The factory will be located near Berryville, and the company will be known as the "Clarke County Dairy Association."

The jury in the case of A. K. Venable against the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, for injuries received by himself and daughter and loss of carriage and team by being run into by a train several years ago, returned a verdict of two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars damages for plaintiff at Petersburg Circuit Court last Thursday. Damages were at first laid at ten thousand dollars.

The Danville News, says: Two white men, residents of Campbell county, who are supposed to be the parties who made the brutal attack on Col. Abner Anthony, at Lynch's station, some time ago, have been arrested and their trial was to take place in Campbell, on Monday. It is rumored that some of Colonel Anthony's papers, which were stolen, were found upon one of them.

CONGRESS.

The following proceedings of Congress yesterday are additional to those published in the Gazette of that day:

In the United States Senate a communication was received from the Secretary of War announcing the completion of the bridge over North Platte river near Fort Laramie. Mr. Howe, of Wisconsin, presented a petition purporting to be signed by citizens of that State, requesting the United States Treasurer to pay \$10 per week to every man, woman and child in the country; and to prevent an undue expansion of the currency, not more than five thousand millions should be issued in any one year. Mr. Wright, of Iowa, introduced a bill to reduce the interest on the public debt, provide for a safe and elastic currency, and to appropriate the value of Treasury and National bank notes. Mr. Anthony's motion in relation to the Congressional Record was referred to the Committee on Printing. The report of the Conference Committee on the bill for paying interest on the District bonds was received, and after debate the bill was recommitted.

A bill was reported from the Committee on Education and Labor to establish an Educational Fund and for endowing National colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education. Bill for sale of timber lands in California, Oregon and the Territories was taken up and amended, but without action the Senate adjourned.

In the House Mr. Cox, of New York, was chosen Speaker pro tem, in the absence of Mr. Kerr. Mr. Garfield moved that the oath of office be administered, which led to a long debate on the propriety of such a requirement, there being no precedent to govern the House. The motion was finally rejected by a vote of 62 to 124.

INTIMATE ON SHORT ACQUAINTANCE.—Yesterday, when the Northern bound train from Richmond was about leaving Quantico, a young lady, 17 years of age, very prettily dressed, got aboard, and took a seat in one of the cars. Shortly after the train started a nicely dressed, good looking young gentleman entered the car, and began conversing with her. She stated to him that she was coming to visit her uncle's family in this city; that she had been here once before, a long time ago. Her uncle is a prominent official in one of the departments, and resides in South Washington. Find out each other's society agreeable and a pleasant relief to the monotony of railroad travel, they became quite communicative, and the young gentleman gave his name as Morgan, a lawyer, whose office is at the corner of Ninth and Main streets, Richmond, Va. Thus conversing they whirled away the time, and the train arrived at the Baltimore and Potomac railroad depot.

It being rather late, the gentleman asked his fair companion to accompany him to a restaurant to get supper. The request was complied with, and they went to Harvey's.

After supper they left Harvey's, turned down Eleventh street and started for the residence of the young lady's uncle. When about entering the Smithsonian grounds the Theatre Comique band struck up a lively air on the balcony, and the couple began to retrace their footsteps and both tempted to the theatre. They went to the ticket office of the theatre, and while the lady stood by her arm was filled with business, Morgan started to purchase the paste boards. He did not succeed, however, as he was met by a prompt refusal. An explanation followed, showing that, being a stranger, Morgan did not know that it was not the thing to take a lady inside.

The attention of officer Donagan, of the 5th precinct, was called to the couple, and upon an invitation from him the party went to the station house. Arriving there, the above facts were related. Morgan was requested to make himself scarce, and the young lady was escorted to her uncle's residence by officer Shilling.—*Washington Tribune.*

LEGISLATIVE.

In the Virginia State Senate, yesterday, the contested election case of Knight vs. Johnson came up as the continuing order of the day, and was settled by awarding the seat to Gen. Johnson, as stated in yesterday's Gazette.

In the House, an advance report was made on bill amending the Code in reference to the organization of the Penitentiary.

That portion of the Governor's message relating to criminal charges was referred to a special joint committee.

A resolution was offered that the clerk keep the pay account of members and certify the same to the Auditor, and that members be furnished with only five dollars' worth of writing material, &c.

A resolution was offered to investigate the conduct of R. D. Ruffin, Delegate from Dinwiddie, charged with being guilty of conduct affecting the dignity and character of the House.

It was determined to elect city judges to-day at 1 o'clock.

The constitutional amendments were debated. The James River and Kanawha Canal extension bill was passed by titl to-day. The bill appropriating a yearly sum to the University of Virginia was rejected.

The Herndon Affair—Gossip, &c.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
FAIRFAX C. H., VA., Feb. 17.—We had been waiting to correct the statement (in some particulars) in regard to the trick perpetrated on some ladies of Herndon last Sunday, but have been waiting to gather the facts in the case as they really occurred. Our informant is a resident of the place, and is a gentleman whose word can be relied upon.

The facts are briefly these: The ladies called about 1 p. m. Fox, after inviting them in, locked the door and left the room. Some of the friends of the ladies conversed with them through the windows. They (the ladies) were cheerful, and satisfied to await the result. After spending an hour in devotional exercises, they passed the time in conversation, patiently watching the movements of Fox. He detained them about six hours, when he unlocked the door and they left.

Our informant further states that the statement of Mr. Fox that the husbands of the ladies gave bonds or promises of their future good behavior, and that they would not trouble him again, is incorrect. He demanded it, but no one for a moment contemplated complying with his unreasonable demand.

This episode has created a great deal of excitement in that village, and the friends of both parties claim the victory. In our opinion it will result in great good. The temperance party will rally, and by redoubting their efforts will succeed in gaining the desired object. The case of the Commonwealth vs. Keene, for arson, will come before a special grand jury next Monday. Some doubt is expressed whether the trial will take place at this term, or be continued until next month. It is understood that Judge Sangster will adjourn the court Monday afternoon until Wednesday. No doubt this is intended as an accommodation to the lawyers (as there are a few), to afford them an opportunity to visit your city on the 22d.

A great many of the citizens of this place will deny themselves the pleasure of witnessing the parade on the plea of economy, as they wish to go to the Centennial. Money being a very scarce commodity, they think it an expensive luxury to attend both.

A friend of ours has made an engagement with a lady friend to visit Philadelphia during the Centennial, and they are so intent upon going that, if no other means of transportation are afforded, and sooner than be deprived of the visit, they intend to walk.

To-morrow night the Good Templars will give a literary entertainment. The exercises will consist of readings, recitations, dialogues, &c. A good time is anticipated.

Lieutenant Governor Thomas is expected here Saturday to take part in the Keene trial, which has created a great deal of excitement in the vicinity, and the result is look to ward to with interest.

[Reported for the Alexandria Gazette.]
County Items.
The county is in a very sluggish state, business slow, roads still in a fearful condition; but there are some pleasant features, little sickness, comparatively speaking, and an almost total cessation of law breaking, thanks to the efficient services of the County Court jurors last month. Perhaps livelier times will come with Spring, if not, then Centennialism, immigration and legislation are frauds.

To those acquainted with the history of this county since the close of the late war, the inevitable blessings of our public school system are very apparent, and should they hear one derogatory merit of that system, they would conclude him to be a fool or madman. The truth of this statement is nowhere more noticeable than among the colored people. In 1866 there were scarce half a dozen of them able to read, and now a majority of the younger ones are well advanced in the rudiments, and the manners and morals of them are rapidly improving. Their schools are well attended, the Arlington (colored) school, Miss Lane, teacher, having a roll of 123 scholars, and fully one hundred attend regularly.

Excelsior Lodge, I. O. G. T., of Arlington, gave an entertainment for the benefit of Rev. E. P. Phelps, at Columbia school house, in that village, last Wednesday night. The programme was begun by an address by S. B. Corbett, esq., who began his address in a pleasant and witty manner, and ended with an eloquent appeal to the audience to take heed of the great evils of intemperance and espouse the cause of temperance. Prof. Messer, of Washington, and his two sons and daughter, rendered a quartette called "Weeping Willow," and other pieces, serious and comic, during the evening never failing to win rounds of applause, and often roars of laughter from the audience. Miss Smith read the "Bridal Feast," displaying great elocutionary powers; and lives like these.

"Oh shun the poisonous bowl,
That rains both mind and soul,"
to the young gentlemen, as spoken by the fair reader, must have made some converts to temperance. Prof. Barnhouse convulsed the audience as "The Sick Man," he had more ailments than were evils in Pandora's box, and his "Hard Shell Sermon," text second Kings, chapter 4, verse 44, "Pass by to Shun'em," surpassed the University one, in which the text was "Hell closed for repairs," and brought down the house. M. C. Sims, esq., rendered Poe's Raven splendidly, after paying a beautiful tribute to the marvellous author. The entertainment was a perfect success and a good round sum was received therefrom.

Wm. Tate and one Joy (not a thing of joy forever), rag merchants of Washington, D. C., who have of late been trading in this county, were arrested and carried before Justice Austin on the charge of stealing a copper kettle from Mr. J. P. Bartlett's, in Arlington, tried

and found guilty, and, in default of fine, were sent to Kline's hotel in your city, the Commonwealth undertaking to pay their board for six months. No longer will the sweet cry of "rag-ers" greet our ears, while the Washington papers on the "ragged edge" will howl over another specimen of "Virginia justice."

The Arlington Turnpike Company ceased taking toll at their rate last Monday, and now the pious granger drives through the brickyard out, which is really in a dangerous condition, with a light heart, singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The bill introduced, or to be, in the House of Delegates, by the Hon. Mr. Simpson, to incorporate an abattoir company on the river shore, in this county, is another testimonial of Mr. Simpson's labor in the interest of his constituents. If such a company is incorporated let our citizens join the enterprise. If there were more of such we would have less of feeling counsel to get us into the District of Columbia.

When the grand celebration of Washington's birthday occurs in your city it is probable that the county will not be represented by chick or child. Such ought not to be the case. Cannot the county add something to the occasion? If not, then let her assume garments of mourning and cry aloud, "Alas, farewell to all my greatness."

A Laboring Association is being organized by the colored people in the county, which is a bad sign, as the result of such organizations, throughout this country has shown, and soon the fact will be demonstrated here, notwithstanding the "artful deceptions" who manipulate the workmen for their own selfish ends.

The Babcock Trial.
In the Babcock trial at St. Louis, yesterday, the highest testimonials were given by Gen. Sherman, Gen. J. H. Simpson, Gen. W. S. Harney, Capt. Robert and ex-Secretary Brie. Ex-Governor Fletcher was put on the stand and identified several letters from Babcock to Joyce. Only one was read at this stage of the trial. It was a reply to Joyce's message to Babcock to tell Douglas to call off his scandal hounds, that only blacken the memory of Ford's friends, and inform Joyce that there are no charges against Ford, and that he believes that he (Joyce) was sent to San Francisco because of his high standing with the Commissioner. James Magill, a letter-carrier in St. Louis, testified that in February, 1875, Joyce applied to him to get back two letters from the street letter box, which he pointed out. He described them as addressed to W. O. Avery and O. E. Babcock, Washington, D. C., and both marked personal. Witnesses asserted that he opened the box and returned the letters. He underwent a sharp cross examination, but persisted in his statement, acknowledging that he received no receipt for the letters, nor did he report the circumstances at the Postoffice. The matter was recalled to his recollection by reading the evidence for the prosecution, and he informed Gen. Babcock, who sent him to his counsel. The President's deposition, which had been surreptitiously obtained and published in a morning paper, and a summary of which has heretofore been published in the Gazette, was then read. The defence then offered the testimonials recommending the appointment of Gen. McDonald as Supervisor, but this being ruled out, the defence closed their case, and the Court adjourned. The prosecution, it is understood, will offer rebutting evidence to the extraordinary testimony of the letter-carrier.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the State have elected the following officers:

P. C. J. E. Rockwell, of No. 21, Petersburg, Grand Chancellor.
P. C. William H. Hall, of No. 9, Norfolk, Grand Vice-Chancellor.
P. G. C. Hugh Latham, of No. 31, Alexandria, Grand Prelate.
P. C. Leroy S. Edwards, of No. 4, Richmond, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
P. G. C. H. C. Hartman, of No. 2, Richmond, Grand Backer.
P. G. C. George L. Simpson, Supreme Representative for the next two years.

The following officers were appointed by the Grand Council:

P. C. M. N. Bradley, Grand Inner Guard.
P. C. J. E. Caldwell, G. O. G.
The Virginia Legislature is considering an amendment to the constitution of the State which provides for the disfranchisement of voters who commit petty larceny. This is a very proper amendment to incorporate in any constitution, and the Washington News says Congress would pursue a wise course by making it a national law.

NOTICE TO THE LADIES.—Any contributions of cooked poultry or meat for the 22nd banquet will be thankfully received and can be sent to the banquet hall at any time after ten o'clock on the morning of the 22d.

R. W. FALLS,
Chm. Com. of Arrangements.

NOTICE.—The members of the committee appointed by the different participating organizations to hold the ball on the 22d of February are requested to meet at the Sun, English House for tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock to perfect arrangements.

R. W. FALLS,
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NOTICE TO COLLECTING COMMITTEES.
All persons who have been collecting money to defray the expenses of entertaining the visiting military will please pay the same over to me by Saturday morning, the 19th inst.

R. W. FALLS,
Chairman Collecting Committee.

NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the Directors of the Alexandria Library Co. on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. As this is the last meeting before the annual meeting of the stockholders, it is hoped every director will be present. [to be 10 p.] S. C. NEALE, Pres't.

ATTENTION, FUN.—There will be a called meeting of the Sun Fire Co. held at their hall on Saturday evening, February 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Geo. B. LEETON, Secretary.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Library Co. will be held at the rooms of the company, corner of King and Washington streets, on Monday evening, the 21st instant, at 8 o'clock. A punctual and full attendance of stockholders is earnestly requested.

S. C. NEALE, President.
M. SLAUGHTER, Secretary.

All trades, benevolent associations or other societies desirous of participating in the celebration on the 22d of February will please report to D. K. Windsor, esq., Chief Marshal, or his Chief of Staff, R. W. Falls, before the 15th of February.

Chm. Com. of Arrangements.

50 BUSHELS PRIME PEACH BLOW POTATOES for sale low by J. C. & E. MILBURN.

DRIED CHERRIES, Peaches and Unpeeled Peaches, Apples and Pears for sale by J. C. & E. MILBURN.

TRY OUR 50c COOLING TEA, with Green Tea Flavor. J. C. & E. MILBURN.

TURKISH and FRENCH PRUNES for sale low at J. C. & E. MILBURN'S.

TRY OUR FIFTY CENT GREEN TEA. J. C. & E. MILBURN.

RAISINS, Currants and Citron, Gelatine and Flavoring Extracts, Cooking Wines and Brandies, for sale by J. C. & E. MILBURN.

LOOKING SHERRY at \$2 per gallon; also a fine assortment of Table Wines for sale by J. C. & E. MILBURN.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Money matters remain about as last reported, and while the advocates of hard and soft currency are squabbling about it, the people are suffering for the want of each or both, and business continues to languish and grow duller, if possible. On Wall street, the "centre," money continues to rule easy at 3 1/4 per cent on call.

State bonds are quiet, with sales in New York of Virginia 6s, second series, at 4 1/4. District of Columbia sold at 47 1/2. Sales in Baltimore of Virginia consols at 100—an advance.

Railroad bonds are quiet, with sales of O. A. & Ma. 7 per cent at 88 1/2. We quote:

Orange, Alex. & Man., 7s..... 84 1/2
Orange & Alex., 6s..... 84 1/2
Orange & Alex., 5s..... 84 1/2
Orange & Alex., 4s..... 84 1/2
Washington and Onio bonds..... 78 1/2

Prices of Produce in Alexandria.

FLOUR, Fine.....	\$4 00	(@ 4 25)
Superfine.....	5 00	(@ 5 25)
Extra.....	5 75	(@ 6 00)
Family.....	6 50	(@ 7 50)
WHEAT, common to fair.....	1 00	(@ 1 20)
Good to prime.....	1 35	(@ 1 40)
Choice.....	1 40	(@ 1 45)
CORN, white.....	3 55	(@ 3 57)
Mixed.....	4 00	(@ 4 05)
Yellow.....	5 50	(@ 5 55)
Bar Corn, per bbl.....	2 25	(@ 2 50)
RYE.....	0 75	(@ 0 85)
OATS.....	0 40	(@ 0 46)
TURKEYS, dressed.....	5 00	(@ 5 22)
CHICKENS.....	4 00	(@ 4 25)
BUTTER, cream.....	0 22	(@ 0 25)
Common to milking.....	0 15	(@ 0 20)
EGGS.....	0 14	(@ 0 16)
IRISH POTATOES.....	0 50	(@ 0 65)
APPLES.....	3 50	(@ 4 00)
DRIED APPLES, 1/2 lb.....	0 12	(@ 0 15)
PEACHES, 1/2 lb.....	0 12	(@ 0 15)
CHERRIES, 1/2 lb.....	0 15	(@ 0 18)
DRESSED HOGS.....	9 00	